



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held April 3, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Mental Health's recommendation to authorize the Director to implement a Crisis Resolution Services (CRS) Program at the Downtown Mental Health Center by providing additional mental health resources for families, Transitional Age Youth who are 18 through 24 years of age, and adults with mental illness who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, incarceration, or involuntary psychiatric hospitalization, with the goal to provide short-term stabilization and linkage to service providers, and to ensure community reintegration and recovery in individuals' communities of choice, effective upon Board approval, at a prorated three-month cost of \$932,000 for Fiscal Year 2006-07, and an estimated Fiscal Year 2007-08 cost of \$4,148,000, financed by State and Federal funds; authorize the Director to fill 37 ordinance/37 Full-Time Equivalent positions for the CRS, in excess of what is provided in the Department's staffing ordinance, subject to allocation by the Chief Administration Officer; and approve appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$932,000 for Fiscal Year 2006-07, to provide spending authority for implementation of the CRS Program.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Yaroslavsky:

"The reduction of homelessness in Skid Row must address the need for housing and supportive services for people who are dispersed from downtown Los Angeles and into other communities throughout Los Angeles County. To effectively address homelessness people must be stabilized into supportive housing and hence, remain off the streets."

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Therefore, Supervisor Burke made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, that the Board approve the Director of Mental Health's attached recommendations and instruct the Director of Mental Health to:

1. Track outcome measures for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded programs that provide community-based services and supports planned for Skid Row with the services to include Service Area Navigator Teams, Crisis Resolution Services, Full Service Partnerships, Wellness Centers, and the development of housing options. These programs are expected to reduce homelessness, and unnecessary hospitalization and incarceration, while promoting recovery and community reintegration, especially the reintegration of individuals into areas where sufficient supportive housing does not currently exist or where existing supportive housing is over-saturated; and
2. Report back to the Board of Supervisors quarterly on the progress of these new efforts to reduce homelessness in Skid Row in coordination with communities outside of Skid Row.

Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to include in the Director of Mental Health's report the number of clients who refuse medical treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. Supervisors Burke and Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

After discussion, Supervisor Burke's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, was unanimously carried.

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#### Attachment

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Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Mental Health